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MOBILE HEALTH UNITS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate Mobile Health Units in the rural areas to check the spread of Chikungunya disease;

(b) the number of Mobile Dispensaries operating in the country and the scheme under which these are being operated, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure being incurred on the said mobile units, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) launched on 12.4.2005 by Hon`ble Prime Minister of India, is being operationalised throughout the country, with special focus on 18 States which includes 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 NE States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.The main aim of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. The NRHM further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing programmes of Health & Family Welfare including RCH-II, Malaria, Blindness, Iodine deficiency, Filaria, Kala-azar, T.B., Leprosy and Integrated Disease Surveillance. Since the Mission aims to cover all existing programmes, control of chikungunya will also be covered under this. NRHM seeks to improve the outreach services to remote, rural areas by the provision of a Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) per district. MMUs are proposed to be provided to 595 districts in the country, in a phased manner.States have already operationalised more than 224 Mobile Medical Units from their own sources/NRHM. NRHM has approved MMUs for 318 districts and most of these units are expected to be operationalised in the current financial year. Some of these States have set up effective systems for mobile units to improve outreach of services in remote areas. The total capital expenditure is estimated to be Rs.175 crores with total recurring expenditure of Rs.122.21 crores for the whole country.